

TO: Chairman and Members

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**SUBJECT: 2011 Federal Juvenile Justice
Grant Applications**

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**ACTION: X
INFORMATION:**

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Summary:

This agenda item seeks Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) Board authorization for staff to submit federal grant applications for the Title II Formula Block Grant (Title II); Title V Community Prevention Grant (Title V); and Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2011. Please note the Title II and Title V applications are due March 31, 2011; however, the JABG application was due February 24, 2011 and has been submitted to OJJDP in advance. Although state allocations have not been finalized by OJJDP, it is anticipated California will receive approximately \$6,970,000 in Title II funds, \$84,945 in Title V funds and \$4,442,000 in JABG funds as a result of these applications (amounts based upon the FFY 2010 awards).

Background:

As the Designated State Agency selected by the Governor to administer the federal juvenile justice grant programs, CSA is required annually to submit online applications requesting grant funds appropriated by Congress. In its role as an advisory body to the CSA, the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP) has been tasked with application development and programmatic oversight of the above referenced funding streams. The FFY 2011 federal grant applications build upon the strategies and activities implemented over the most recent two-year period and are based upon the programmatic plans submitted as part of the FFY 2009 applications. Final drafts of the federal grant applications for Title II, Title V and JABG will be submitted following CSA Board approval and final amendments, if any. Details of each program and application are listed below.

Title II - \$6,970,000

The Title II Formula Grants program supports state and local delinquency prevention and intervention efforts and juvenile justice system improvements pursuant to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act of 1974 (reauthorized in 2002). As required by OJJDP, the application is comprised of a Program Narrative, Budget Detail Worksheet and an updated Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Relative Rate Index. The Program Narrative includes the FFY 2011 DMC Compliance Plan; a description of the structure and function of the juvenile justice system; an analysis of juvenile crime problems and juvenile justice system needs; and plans for compliance with the core protections of the JJDP Act. The application also provides an update on Compliance Monitoring activities undertaken by CSA staff that inspects local adult and juvenile detention facilities and identifies the program purpose areas to which California is directing funds.

The FFY 2011 comprehensive plan update for Title II details how funds will be utilized to support the focus areas outlined in the SACJJDP's 2009-2011 Strategic Plan. These areas include:

- Alternatives to Detention;
- Disproportionate Minority Contact;
- Evidence Based/Promising Approaches;
- Restorative Justice Principle programs; and
- Holistic Approaches to Offender Counsel.

Title V - \$84,945

The Title V Community Prevention Grant program supports state and local efforts to reduce risk factors for juvenile delinquency, enhance protective factors to prevent youth at risk of becoming delinquent from entering the juvenile justice system, and intervene with first-time and nonserious offenders to keep them out of the juvenile justice system. Pursuant to an amendment to the JJDP Act, states or local units of government must utilize Title V funds for primary prevention efforts. To maximize the limited funding available, the SACJJDP and CSA have targeted these funds to support efforts that engage local law enforcement and education providers in the discussion of factors that may influence each discipline's impact on DMC.

JABG - \$4,442,000

The JABG program funds accountability-focused efforts to combat juvenile crime, pursuant to the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 2002 (Chapter 46, Subchapter XII-F). Note that as JABG applications were due February 24, 2011, a draft has already been submitted to OJJDP in advance. The final application will be submitted following CSA Board approval and final changes to the plan, if applicable. As required by OJJDP, the JABG application describes the role of the courts and collaborative justice programs in addressing criminal behavior and the state's system of graduated sanctions. In addition, similar to Title II, the application includes an analysis of juvenile justice system needs based on crime trends and identified gaps in service, and provides an overview of efforts to coordinate the JABG program with other federal and state programs focused on juvenile justice.

Unique to the JABG program, states are required to pass through seventy-five percent of the total allocation to local units of governments in the form of a direct allocation as determined by OJJDP. The remaining twenty-five percent, plus any accrued interest is retained by the state and can be used at the state's discretion with direction from the SACJJDP. As a result of the discretion allowed with these funds, JABG funded initiatives include: 1) statewide implementation of evidence-based Anger Management and Youth Violence Prevention training opportunities as part of Governor Schwarzenegger's gang initiative; and 2) the Best Practices Approach Initiative – providing statewide evidence-based training and intensive consultative services to three counties seeking assistance with full transition to an evidence-based continuum.

Recommendation/Action Needed:

Staff requests authorization to submit the FFY 2011 juvenile justice grant applications for the Title II Formula Grant Program, Title V Community Prevention Grant Program and Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.